

Remarks

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants attach hereto as Exhibit A the executed Declaration of Dr. Ian Cottrell under 37 CFR Rule 1.132 (hereinafter, “Declaration”). Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to paragraphs [0040], [0041], [0069] and [0070] merely correct minor informalities, and improve the application by more clearly describing background subject matter related to the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the change to the specification does not add new matter because the actual change would have been well understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. Those of ordinary skill in the art understand that polyethylene glycol flakes melt at a temperature of 50 – 65° C (Declaration ¶4). Moreover, even if they were not aware of this, they would know to increase the temperature beyond $45 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C to melt the polyethylene glycol flakes (Declaration ¶4). They would observe melting in the 50 – 65° C range. Thus, the changes improve the application, but do not add new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Correction of Priority Claim

The addition of new paragraph [001], in addition to the Executed Declaration enclosed herewith, corrects the priority application information for the subject application. 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) states that the Amendment to correct priority “must be submitted within the later of 4 months from actual filing date of the later-filed application or 16 months from the filing date of the prior-filed application.” The subject application was filed on March 12, 2004 and the priority application, i.e., U.S. Application No. 10/637,807, was filed on August 8, 2003. Therefore the deadline to correct the priority information for the subject application is December 8, 2004 (e.g.,

16 months from August 8, 2003). Accordingly, the deadline for correcting claims to priority has not yet passed.

Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application

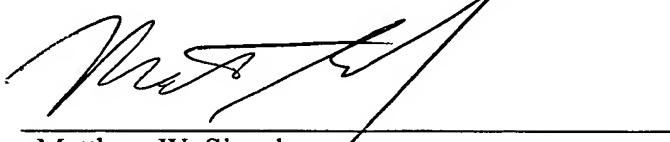
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted, dated June 02, 2004, in the above-identified application, Applicants submit herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, the required filing fee and the required copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts. The due date for response to the Notice is August 02, 2004, therefore this response is timely filed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) for filing this Declaration, the \$1,112 filing fee, as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

CONCLUSION

If any issue is raised which would delay the allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues. No fee, other than the \$130.00 Declaration filing fee and the \$1,112 filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any other fee is due the amount of such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,



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